



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Turning green

University gears up for annual Irish Week activities

Troy University is gearing up for its sixth annual Irish Week festivities, which will get under way on Saturday with events such as a road race, a St. Patrick's Day parade and free spring football scrimmage at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

The event coincides with the annual Spring Alumni Reunion weekend, which will feature a reunion dinner and the awarding of the Distinguished Leadership Award.

Festivities for alumni will get under way on Friday evening with a reception honoring this year's Distinguished Leadership Award winner at the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. The alumni reunion dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. The Distinguished Leadership Award and alumni chapter awards will be presented during the dinner.

On Saturday, activities will kick off with the Nick Costes Memorial 5K and 10K races, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Shackelford Quad.

The annual St. Patrick's Day
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Winners from the Miss Shamrock Pageant, which was held on March 2, are, from left: Second alternate Holly Moore of Enterprise, Miss Shamrock 2006 Mary Spivey of Calera and first alternate Scarlotte Knox of Andalusia.

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Choral Masterworks performances set for Saturday, Sunday

Troy University's John M. Long School of Music and the Troy Arts Council will present two performances of the Choral Masterwork Festival on March 11 and 12.

This year's performance, *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Hayden, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus and at 3 p.m.

on Sunday, March 12 at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts on the University's Montgomery Campus.

The festival features a full
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Step up to the plate

Faculty, staff and students can bypass parking fees with tag purchase

A new Troy University license plate has been unveiled and is now available for purchase at Department of Motor Vehicle officers throughout Alabama.

Faculty, staff and students who purchase one of the new TROY tags will be able to park for free next year at all of the Alabama campuses.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Troy University Chancellor said alumni and friends of the University should be pleased with the new tag design. "We have a great new design that our friends and alumni throughout the state can enjoy and display with pride," he said.

The tag is only TROY's third different design since the University began participating in the state's Collegiate License Plate program in 1992. The new design features the University's new Trojan head logo and five characters that may be personalized by the purchaser.

The license plate program provides funding to be used for scholarships. Of the \$50 charge, over and above



the purchaser's normal tag fee and taxes, the University receives \$48 for the Trojan Pride Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Hawkins said scholarship programs such as the one provided through the license plates provide deserving Alabama students with educational opportunities not otherwise available to them.

"The purchase of Troy University car tags is one way Alabamians can help students realize their goals," Dr. Hawkins said. "These scholarships

can open educational doors to deserving students that might otherwise be closed."

Since 1994, Troy University has received almost \$600,000 through the state's Collegiate License Plate program.

Those wishing to learn more about the new Troy University tags can contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 334-670-3318 or inquire about the tag at local departments of motor vehicles throughout Alabama.

Ecuadorian professor to speak to students, faculty during visit

A leading authority on newly emerging economies in South America will visit Troy University March 12-17 to meet with faculty and lecture to students.

Professor Manuel Murrieta Vasquez of Ecuador will speak on issues surrounding "Ecu-American" relations, as well as other topics, during his visit to the University's Troy Campus. In addition to his expertise in South American economies, Professor Murrieta is also a

leading authority on the branding trends of his native country.

According to Associate Professor of Art and Design, Mel Shanks, Mr. Murrieta will lecture students in various disciplines and a colloquium is being planned for interested faculty members.

For more information please contact Professor Mel Shanks at 670-5737 or email for additional information to mshanks@troy.edu.

TROY's international focus included in Chronicle report

Troy University's operations abroad received national notice in a recent edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The article "America's Hot New Export: Higher Education" by Burton Bollag reported on the growing trend of American universities opening campuses overseas for both academic and business reasons. Bollag interviewed former University College Vice Chancellor Susan Aldridge for the story.

The story was accompanied by a map of the world graphic that showed locations of overseas sites and campuses of some 40 U.S. colleges and universities, including TROY.

The article emphasized Troy University's 50-year-old commitment to serving members of the U.S. military through University College.

Moving on

Six months after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans resident fulfilling educational goals

When Hurricane Katrina left New Orleans under water last year, Troy Scott made a promise to herself. These days she is fulfilling that promise at Troy University.

After taking time out to raise a family, the New Orleans native had been working toward an education degree at Southern University when Katrina came ashore. While the hurricane battered Scott's home and forced her family to flee, nothing could destroy her desire to earn an education.

"I was doing extremely well, and then the hurricane hit," Scott recalled. "After being out of school so long, I was not going to let anything keep me from going to college."

In October, shortly after arriving in Dothan, Scott was able to enroll in the fall B mini-session at Troy University. She is currently thriving in her second semester at the Dothan Campus.

"Mini-sessions were new to me," Scott said. "I am so grateful for the eight-week sessions, because I don't feel like I am so far behind now."

Fortunately, Scott was able to easily transfer her financial aid. As a hurricane survivor, Troy University also offered Scott in-state tuition.

TROY art instructor Gayle Nelson saw Katrina's devastation first-hand as she assisted in Mississippi relief efforts. Nelson was immediately impressed by Scott's determination to rebuild her life.

"Her hardy resilience and cheerful attitude are an inspiration to other students," Nelson said. "I have truly enjoyed having Ms. Scott in my visual art class."

Scott feels it is no accident she found her way to Dothan and Troy University, which coincidentally shares her first name. She expects to remain in Dothan at least long enough to earn her degree.

"I believe it was fate," Scott said. "I do believe this is my set place for this particular time in my life. In New Orleans, I worked two jobs and went to



Six months after Hurricane Katrina drove Troy Scott from her home, the education major is thriving at Troy University.

school. It was overwhelming. I have the opportunity now to go to school full-time, which is something I had prayed for. God is providing."

Scott says support from the community has also helped her feel at home in the Wiregrass. Northview Christian Church "adopted" Scott, her children and several members of her extended

family. The Church, which helped the refugees find housing, continues to offer assistance.

"I have a home in New Orleans," Scott said. "I have been back several times to deal with the adjustors. Who knows, I like it here. I may make this my permanent residence."

– Inga Oberst

'Skilled craftsman'

Creative Services' Ronnie Colvin wins February McKinley Award

Ronnie Colvin, a printer with the Troy University Office of Creative Services, is the winner of the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February.

Colvin, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2002, received the award during a ceremony on Feb. 22 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Colvin, who was nominated by Joe Johnson, director of Creative Services.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the University's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Johnson praised Colvin for his positive attitude and his work ethic.

"Ronnie Colvin's approach to an assigned task is to find a workable solution through innovation," Johnson



Ronnie Colvin receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February from his supervisor Joe Johnson (left), director of Creative Services, and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

said. "He displays a good work ethic by being punctual, dependable and honest. He is dedicated and conscientious and adapts well to changing situations and requirements. His knowledge of the trade and the capabilities of the equipment make him a skilled craftsman in the university setting. His attitude toward perfection and his total dedication toward his job have proven

that he is very deserving of this award."

Colvin said he was surprised to receive the award. "I am very honored to receive this award," Colvin said. "I really enjoy working under Joe's leadership and with all my co-workers in Creative Services."

Colvin and his wife Teresa make their home in Brundidge.

Andrews named to U.S. Olympic Committee staff

A Troy University professor has been named to the medical staff of the U.S. Olympic Committee's U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Dr. Amanda Andrews, an assistant professor of athletic training education, will serve as a volunteer athletic trainer July 10-25 at the Colorado Springs, Colo. facility.

"This is a big recognition for Dr. Andrews and for the University's athletic training program," said John "Doc" Anderson, the athletic

training education director. "We congratulate her on this accomplishment."

The U.S. Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs is the headquarters for the U.S. Olympic Committee administration and the Olympic Training Center programs.

The Olympic Complex, former home of ENT Air Force Base and the headquarters of the North American Defense Command, officially became USOC administrative

headquarters in July 1978. In October 1996 and April 1997, the USOC officially dedicated and opened its new \$23.8 million, Phase II facilities include a state-of-the-art sports medicine and sport science center and an athlete center, which includes a dining hall and two residence halls. The USOC is able to provide housing, dining, recreational facilities and other services for up to 557 coaches and athletes at one time on the complex.

National recognition

John “Doc” Anderson named Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer by association

John “Doc” Anderson, assistant professor and director of education for Troy University’s athletic training program, has been named Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.

Anderson, who holds the University’s Ingall’s Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University’s most prestigious faculty honor, was head track coach and athletic trainer at the Universi-

ty from 1967 – 1979. He has served as head athletic trainer at Louisiana State University from 1979-1989 before returning to TROY as a faculty member in the athletic training program. He has served on the medical staffs of both the United States Olympic Team and the United States Pan-American Games team. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Auburn University and a master’s degree from Troy State University.

Anderson will be presented the award at NATA’s Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in June.

“MDAT recipients are the role models for the future leaders of our profession,” said Tom Abdenour, NATA’s honors and awards committee chairman. “You are to be commended for the significant contributions you have made to athletic training and the NATA over the past 20 years.”



Reward Callers. Winners of Troy University’s Reward Caller Awards for the month of February are congratulated by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. during a ceremony on Feb. 22. From left to right are: Faye Rhoden of Inservice; Bonnie Money of Creative Services; and Kathy Beitel of Army ROTC. Not pictured is Abby Trant of the Phenix City Campus. The Reward Caller program was begun to ensure the use of proper phone etiquette and courtesy by University employees. Winners of the monthly award receive \$25.

University welcomes 10 new employees in February

Troy University welcomed 10 new employees in the month of February.

The new employees are:

- Debra Ann Allen, teacher’s aide, Early Childhood Development;
- Martha Anne Allison, science specialist, Science in Motion;
- Anna Louise Davis, department secretary;
- Kimberly Jo Dove, math specialist, Science in Motion;
- Juan Harris, museum guide, Rosa Parks Museum;
- Lori Lee Kiker, account clerk;
- Tamara Elesha King, clerk, Institutional Support;
- Jenny Lynn Michael, assistant volleyball coach, women’s volleyball;
- Kathryn Yvonne Palmer, museum guide, Rosa Parks Museum; and
- Douglas Stewart Wynn, director of advancement, Institutional Development.

Activities & achievements

Michael L. Bell, associate director of educational technology for TROY’s eCampus, moderated the panel session entitled “The Next Frontier...The Future of Online Testing” at the Blackboard World Conference in San Diego, CA, March 1. Mr. Bell’s participation in the panel session was based on the research of Dr. Sallie J. Johnson, dean of eCampus and director of Instruc-

tional Design/Educational Technology, and the partnership between Troy University and SoftwareSecure.

Mr. Bell spoke on the ideas of how Remote Proctor will ensure the security of online exams no matter where a student lives and without the use of a human proctor. The session included panelists the University of Vermont School of Medicine and Sheffield Hal-

lam University in the United Kingdom. The session discussed how Sheffield Hallam University was now offering online assessments to their face to face students in an attempt to go to a paperless University, and how the University Of Vermont School Of Medicine was offering medical exams in large wireless classrooms online for easier grading purposes.

Distinguished leader

Alabama Attorney General Troy King to receive honor from University on Saturday

Alabama Attorney General Troy King will be honored Saturday, March 11, with Troy University's seventh annual Distinguished Leadership Award.

King, a 1990 TROY graduate, will receive the award from Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, at an awards banquet to be held in the Trojan Center ballrooms beginning at 5:30 p.m. The banquet is held in conjunction with the annual Alumni, Parents and Friends Reunion/Irish Week celebration at Troy University. For more information on the banquet, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318.

The Distinguished Leadership Award was created to recognize the achievements of TROY alumni and friends who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work, philanthropy, leadership and service to their profession, community and alma mater.

"We are thrilled to honor Attorney General Troy King as our 2006 Distinguished Leadership award winner,"

said Faith Ward, Troy University's director of alumni affairs. "Troy is certainly very deserving of this award, exemplifying his leadership skills daily as a leader in the State of Alabama.

We are pleased that he will be back on campus to accept his award on Spring Reunion weekend."

King was appointed to the Alabama attorney general's post in March 2004 by Gov. Bob Riley. At the time of his appointment, he was serving as legal advisor to Gov. Riley, a position he had held since 2003. King also previously served as assistant attorney general, as well as deputy legal advisor and deputy executive secretary in Gov. Fob James' administration.

As attorney general, King created the Family Protection Unit that focuses on the problems and solutions in the fight against abuse and exploitation of children and the elderly. He has been actively involved in the passage of Alabama's new Open Meetings Law, a new law to fight the spread of

methamphetamines and the Alabama Community Notification Act that toughens the punishment of sex offenders and provides improved sex offender tracking procedures.

In addition to his degree from TROY, King is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

He is married to the former Paige Pinson of Montgomery, and the couple has a son, Briggs, and two daughters, Colden and Asher.

Past winners of the Distinguished Leadership Award are: former Congressman Earl Hutto; McDowell Lee, secretary of the Alabama Senate; Bob Howell, longtime television reporter and anchor; the late Earl Watson, former TROY athletic director; Harrel McKinney, founder of Alabama Reference Laboratories and sponsor of the McKinney Medical Technology Scholarship at Troy University; and, Earl Johnson, former Andalusia mayor and the driving force behind the Bibb Graves Quadrangle renovation project.

Seagle to serve as president of Military Officers chapter

During a recent induction ceremony for the Ed Burkhalter Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Keith Seagle (right) receives the president's pin from Alex McMahan, outgoing president. Seagle, a former U.S. Army major and licensed professional counselor, is director of Counseling and Career Services at the Dothan Campus. McMahan, also a



Dothan Campus employee, is assistant director of financial aid. MOAA is the

largest and most influential organization of military officers in the nation.

Thank-you note

Dear Troy University Faculty and Staff,
Thank you for the gift to the Troy University Foundation in memory of Tommy Connell. Our family appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Connell

Flynt speaks to students

Dr. Harold Kaylor coordinated a visit to the Troy Campus by Wayne Flynt on Feb. 22.

Dr. Flynt spoke on education in Alabama, a timely topic.

Dr. Flynt expresses his great enthusiasm for the forward momentum of TROY and its administration. He was particularly pleased at the students who attended and who were involved in the discussion.

A Shamrockin' good time

Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Pike plans event in conjunction with Irish Week

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce's 2005-2006 Leadership Pike class will sponsor Shamrockin' 2006 on Saturday, March 11 in conjunction with Troy University's Spring Reunion/Irish Week activities.

The event, which is set for 7 p.m. at the Stadium Club on the fourth floor of the Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium press box tower, will feature the band Lisa and the E-LUSIONS. In addition to live entertainment, the event also will feature food, beverages and prizes to be given away.

Tickets for the event are \$35 for individuals and \$50 for couples with proceeds going to benefit the organization's scholarship fund for Pike

County students. Tickets are available by calling the Chamber office at 334-566-2294.

Since 2003, Leadership Pike has awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors from Pike County.

"The Leadership Pike class is made up of business leaders or up and coming business leaders in our community," said Jenniffer Barner, chamber president. "For the most part they have all had a college experience and know what the burdens can be financially. The class works hard to put on a fun, profitable event so that the community has an opportunity to see what they can do as a team and help some wor-

thy students all at the same time."

Chris Foster, a 2005 recipient, said the scholarship provided a "huge boost."

"The scholarship has helped out with buying books, covering fees and a lot of the things you don't even know you're going to need," Foster said.

Melody Rogers, who also received a Leadership Pike scholarship in 2005, encouraged the community to support the fundraising effort. "You don't think about all you need. Earning the scholarship really kept me focused that yes, I can go to college," she said. "I would encourage the community to support their fundraiser."

Irish Week

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Parade will wind its way down University Avenue beginning at noon on March 11. Line-up for the parade will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 11:30. For more information on reserving a spot in the parade, contact Buddy Starling at (334) 670-3243.

Following the parade, tailgating and musical entertainment will take place at Tailgate Terrace. A spring football scrimmage will be held at 2 p.m. in the stadium. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Troy University's choral department will present its annual Choral Masterworks Concert in the Claudia Crosby Theater at 7:30 p.m. An encore presentation of the concert will be presented on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts on the University's Montgomery Campus. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

The weekend events kick off a week-long Irish celebration, including a community brown bag lunch on the square in downtown Troy, a Pot-of-Gold search on the Troy Campus and an Irish Cooking Contest.

Irish Week Schedule

Friday, March 10

- 6 p.m., Reception honoring Distinguished Leadership Award winner, Hall of Honor

Saturday, March 11

- 8:30 a.m., Nick Costes 5K-10K Race, Shackelford Quad
- 9 a.m., Preview Day for Prospective Students
- 10 a.m., Scholarship Donors and Recipients Brunch, Hall of Honor
- Noon, St. Patrick's Day Parade, University Avenue
- 12:30 p.m., Letter Winners Lunch, End Zone of Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium
- 12:30 p.m., Tailgating and Special Events, Tailgate Terrace
- 2 p.m., Spring Football Scrimmage, Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium
- 3 p.m., Irish Travelers' Reunion, Alumni House
- 5 p.m., Alumni and Friends Cocktail Reception, Trojan Center Boardroom
- 5:30 p.m., Spring Reunion Dinner, Trojan Center Ballrooms

- 7 p.m., Shamrockin' 2006 Dance, Stadium Club, Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Choral Masterworks Festival, Claudia Crosby Theatre

Sunday, March 12

- 3 p.m., Choral Masterworks Festival, Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts, Montgomery

Tuesday, March 14

- 11:30 a.m., Salute to Veterans, Bibb Graves Quad

Wednesday, March 15

- 10 a.m.-noon, "A Bit of Irish Blarney," Front entrance of Adams Administration Building

Thursday, March 16

- Noon, Community Brown Bag Event, Downtown Troy

Friday, March 17

- Jeans and Greens Day
- 9 a.m., Pot of Gold Search
- 11 a.m., Irish Cooking Contest-Trojan Center Food Court

AROUND TROY

Writing the songs

Statler Brothers' Don Reid to return to TROY March 28-30 to lead workshops

Don Reid, lead singer of country music's Statler Brothers, will return to Troy University March 28-30 to lead a workshop on the art of songwriting.

This will be the second visit to the Troy Campus for Reid, who gained renown in popular country music for writing and performing some of the biggest hits of the 1970s and 1980s. This year, Don Reid will be joined by his son, Langdon, who is also a professional recording artist. The workshops will be provided free of charge to the first 24 registrants.

The workshop will begin with an open session on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater, entitled "Stories, Songs and Songwriting: An Evening with Don

Reid of the Statler Brothers and Langdon Reid of Grandstaff." There is no charge to attend the open session. On March 29-30, the Reids will work with workshop participants on a one-on-one basis.

The individual workshops will be limited to the first 24 registrants. To register, contact Jo Adcock in the John M. Long School of Music at 334-670-3322.

The Statler Brothers, who retired in 2002, spent more than three decades as one of the top acts in American music. They hold the distinction of winning more awards than any other act in country music. From 1971 until 1997, the Statlers won the Music City News top vocal group award every year but two. The group

also won nine Country Music Association awards for vocal group of the year.

They have recorded 13 gold albums, eight platinum albums, two double-platinum albums and one triple-platinum album. Their biggest hits included "Flowers on the Wall," "Bed of Rose's," "Who Am I to Say" as well as the "Class of '57" and "I'll Go to My Grave Loving You," both written or co-written by Don Reid.

Langdon Reid, along with his cousin, Wil Reid, form the duo "Grandstaff" which has been touring and recording for 12 years. The duo has performed on the Grand Ole Opry and has shared the stage with country artists such as Diamond Rio, John Anderson and Wynonna.

Choral

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orchestra, mixing professional, faculty, and student instrumentalists, and a festival chorus led by Troy University Collegiate Singers and including singers from the Troy Community Chorus, as well as professionally trained soloists, according to Paul McGahie, director of the festival and director of choral activities for the school of music.

The Creation is a Biblical account of creation, which quotes the first chapter of Genesis and poetry from Milton's epic poem Paradise Lost.

"This is a light-hearted, joyful, exuberant work, brimming over with Hayden's characteristic sunny disposition," McGahie said. "There are many humorous musical illustrations of things such as windstorms, lightning, hail, snow, rain and billowing ocean waves, as well as illustrations of animals."

The featured soloist of the festival is Carla Connors of Tallahassee, FL, who will sing both the part of the Angel Gabriel and the part of Eve.

Connors has been acclaimed as "one of the best young sopranos of this decade" by the Detroit Free Press, and as "a fresh, steady lyric soprano" by The New York Times. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2001 singing the soprano solos in masses by Mozart and Schubert.

In addition to an active schedule of orchestra and recital appearances, Connors maintains a large, private voice studio.

Two returning soloists will join Connor. Bass-baritone Chris O'Rear will sing both the part of the Angel Raphael and the part of Adam. Tenor Roderick George will sing the part of the Angel Uriel.

Tickets for the March 11 performance in Troy are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Adult tickets for the March 12 performance at the Davis Theatre are \$10.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the Choral Masterworks Festival, contact Paul McGahie at 334-670-3773 or visit the Troy Campus box office.



The beat goes on. Yuya Shiratori of Japan, Kemuel Forbes of the Bahamas and Vanesa Owuor of Kenya perform on the drums during Troy University's annual International Student Cultural Organization Festival on March 4. The 24th annual event featured a wide range of entertainment by TROY's international students including dances and Judo demonstration. The event also featured native cuisine prepared by TROY students from countries such as Korea, Nepal, China, Kenya and Turkmenistan. In addition, the festival included a parade of nations in which TROY's international students donned clothing native to their home countries and paraded under their native flags.